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### **Central Library to Show Documentary Film**

#### **About Author Ralph Ellison**

*Event is in Celebration of Black History Month*

**SAN DIEGO** – The City of San Diego Public Library will screen “Ralph Ellison: An American Journey,” as part of the Library’s celebration of Black History Month. The documentary film will be shown on Sunday, Feb. 6 at 2 p.m. in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego. This event is FREE to the public

“Ralph Ellison: An American Journey” is the first documentary about one of the most gifted and intellectually provocative authors of modern American literature. The film brilliantly presents the first scenes ever filmed from Ellison’s landmark novel, “Invisible Man.” In this documentary, America’s foremost cultural critics such as Cornel West, Amiri Baraka, Stanley Crouch, Clyde Taylor and others discuss Ellison’s role as a central figure in contemporary debates over art, politics, race and nationhood.

“Ralph Ellison: An American Journey” explores the many ways one of our most important writers and thinkers grappled with the question: “What does it mean to be an American?”

Camille Forbes, Ph.D., professor in literature at the University of California, San Diego, will facilitate a discussion after the presentation.

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